

To the Hon. H. A. W. Skeen, Judge of the Circuit Court
of Lee County, Virginia.

Humbly complaining, your orator, Millard Bledsoe, a
citizen of said county, for more than a year before the institution
of this suit, would respectfully represent and show unto your
honor, that on the 19th day of April, 1908, at the age of twenty
three years he was married to Mossie Nelson, aged sixteen years, with
whom he lived and cohabited as his wife until about the 15th
day of May, 1908, when she became enamored with one Carr Poteet,
a young man living in the neighborhood, and was guilty of adultery
in said neighborhood with said Poteet, and ran off with him
and remained a few weeks and returned to the neighborhood of your
orator, and was guilty of adultery with one Henry Ely and ran off
with him about June 1908, and has never returned; that your
orator treated his said wife in a proper manner while she lived
with him, and until her acts of adultery became known to him,
but he has not lived or cohabited with her since he became convinced
of her said misconduct, and which acts of adultery were committed
without his consent or connivance.

The object of this bill, therefore, is, to obtain a di-
vorce from the bonds of matrimony existing between your orator and
his said wife. To this end he makes the said Mossie Bledsoe the
party to this suit and prays that she be required to answer the same,
but not on oath, answer under oath being waived; that upon a final
hearing the relief above prayed for be granted, together with
all such other, further and general relief as may be suited to his
case. And your orator will ever pray &c.

James H. Crisp

Costs:

clerk \$3.80
Tax 1.50
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atty. 15.00
Depo. 2.50
\$24.00

Willard Bledsoe.

vs. Bill in chy.

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1908 2nd Nov. Rules

Bill filed Spa 4
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" 1st Dec. Rules, taken
last Monday in Nov.
Cause set for hear-
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Got to pay \$15.50
\$ 1.00 B.
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\$ 6.30

Millard Bledsoe,

Plaintiff.

vs.

In Chancery

Mossie Bledsoe,

Defendant.

This cause came on to be heard upon the bill of the plaintiff, the process duly executed on the defendant, the cause regularly matured and set for hearing by the plaintiff, and the depositions of witnesses, and was argued by counsel for the plaintiff. On consideration thereof, it is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant be and the same are hereby dissolved and said parties divorced from each other, and that the plaintiff recover against the defendant the cost of this suit. And the cause is stricken from the docket.

Willard Bledsoe.
vs. Deere & Hinal
Missie Bledsoe.

Entered in C.B.
#8, page 462.

Enter this decree,
W. A. C. S. S. S.
Feb 16th 1899.
~~Dec 17th 1898.~~

Mrs. Mossie Bledsoe,

You will please take notice that on the 23rd day of November, 1908, at the law office of James W. Orr in the town of Jonesville, Va. I will proceed to take the sepositions of Henry Ely and others, which depositions when taken are intended to be read as evidence in my behalf in a suit in chancery pending in the Circuit Court of said county, in which I am plaintiff and you are defendant. And if from any cause the taking of the said depositions be not commenced, and if commenced be not completed, on that day, the taking of the same will be adjourned from time to time and from place to place until completed.

Nov 13th 1908.

Respectfully,

*Willard Bledsoe.
By Counsel.*

Willard Bledsoe,

vs { Notice

Massie Bledsoe.

Nov 27/1908.

Executed by deliver
ing a true copy
of the within Notice
to Mrs Morris Bled
soe in person

This Nov 27/1908

C. E. Garrett D. J.
for W. Y. Tucker S. C. C.

The depositions of John Watson and others, taken before me, Geo. P. Cridlin, a commissioner in chancery for the circuit court of Lee County, Virginia, on the 23rd day of November, 1908, at the office James W. Orr in the town of Jonesville, Lee County, Virginia which depositions are intended to be read as evidence in behalf of the plaintiff in a certain suit in chancery now depending in the circuit court of Lee County, in which Millard Bledsoe is plaintiff and Mossie Bledsoe is defendant, and which depositions are taken pursuant to notice hereto attached.

Present James W. Orr attorney for the plaintiff.

John Watson a witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows,

Q. 1.++ State your age residence and occupation.

A.-- I am 38 years old, live in the Hurricane Branch country in Lee County, Virginia, and am a farmer.

Q. 2.-- Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit, and if so how long have you known them.

A.-- I am acquainted with Millard Bledsoe, have known him for 11 years, but have only seen his wife a few times.

Q. 3.-- Did they live together in your neighborhood as husband and wife, and if so how long did they so live.

A.-- They did live together as husband and wife a while in my neighborhood. She went off and it was reported that she had run away with Carr Poteet, and she staid some three weeks and came back and staid some two weeks and then ran away with Henry Ely, and has not returned that I know of. She went off with Ely sometime in last July.

Q. 4.-- Did you ever observe any improper conduct between her and Carr Poteet, or Henry Ely, or any other man?

A.-- I never did see anything between her and Poteet, but I did see her Henry Ely out in the woods together after dark.

Q. 5.-- What was her demeanor in the presence of men, was it that of a virtuous woman or otherwise?

A.-- Her acts were not that of a virtuous woman. I saw her at the store one day where there were a number of men, and she

was laughing, dancing and blabbing around, and acting very much like a "sporting" woman.

.6.-- Where does the plaintiff reside?

A.-- He has lived in this county for the last eleven years. I understand that she now lives near Ewing, in Lee County, Virginia. The plaintiff and defendant last lived and cohabited together in Lee County, Virginia, and the plaintiff has not cohabited with the defendant since she ran away with Henry Ely.

And further this deponent saith not.

Wit. claim one day .50 paid.

John ^{his} Watson
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Henry Ely, another witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q.1.-- State your age, residence and occupation?

A.-- I am 24 years old, live near Wesley's Chapel, Lee county, Virginia, and work on the farm.

Q.2.-- Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit and is so how long have you known them?

A.-- I am acquainted with said parties. I have known the defendant seven or eight years, have only known the plaintiff for four or five months.

Q.3.-- State whether or not you know of any act of adultery committed by the defendant since her marriage, or reputed marriage to the plaintiff.

A.-- I do. know of repeated acts of adultery by her in the neighborhood in which they lived, and other places, and which acts have been within the last year, and in fact within three months. She ran away with another man and never has returned to her husband that I ever heard of.

Q.4.-- State if you know what kind of treatment the plaintiff gave to the defendant while they were living together as husband and wife, and what her treatment was towards him.

A.-- He seemed to treat her all right, but she treated him coldly did not seem to have any good feeling towards him at all.

And further this deponent saith not.

Wit. claims 1 day .50. paid.

Henry Ely
James

Virginia, Lee County, To-Wit:

I, Geo.P.Cridlin, Commissioner in chancery for the Circuit court of Lee County, Virginia, do certify that the foregoing depositions of John Watson and Henry Ely, were taken, sworn to and subscribed before me at the time, place and for the purpose in the caption mentioned.

Given under my hand this the 23rd day of november, 1908.

Geo P Cridlin
commissioner in chancery.

Millard Bledsoe

v. { In Chy.

Mossie Bledsoe

Deposition of

John Watson cost

.50

Henry Ely .50

\$1.00 Pd

Cour. fee \$1.50

Filed Nov. 23. 1908

H. C. D. Ewing, Clerk

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

Mossie Bledsoe

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at rules to be held for the said court, on
the *3rd* Monday in *November*, 190*8*, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against *her*

by Millard Bledsoe

And have then there this writ. Witness, H. C. T. EWING, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the *7th*
day of *November*, 190*8*, and 1*33*-year of the Commonwealth.

A Copy, Teste:

H. C. T. Ewing, Clerk

_____, Clerk

Millard Bledsoe

VS

SUBPOENA
IN
CHANCERY

Mossie Bledsoe

James W. Orr, p. q.

To

2nd Novr.

Rules

Lee Circuit

Court

1900.

I have Executed
The within Summons
by delivering a true
copy to Mossie Bledsoe

This Nov 12 - 1900

C. E. Garrett, D.C.

J. F. Jumper
S. J. Jumper